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Georgia PSC Prominent in 'Oscars' of Energy Awards

September 26, 2019 – (ATLANTA) – Public Service Commission Chairman Lauren "Bubba" McDonald has been named a finalist for the Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming 21st annual <u>S&P Global Platts Global Energy Awards</u>. Commissioner Vice Chair Tim Echols has been named a finalist for the Individual Rising Star Award. Also in the running for Lifetime Achievement is former Georgia PSC Commissioner Stan Wise.

Energy companies and individuals from 37 countries have been selected as <u>Finalists</u>. The 2019 finalists were announced by S&P Global Platts, the leading global provider of energy and commodities information and spot market benchmarks.

Established in 1999 and often described as "the Oscars of the Energy Industry," the S&P Global Platts Global Energy Awards highlight corporate and individual innovation, leadership and superior performance in 21 <u>categories</u> spanning the entire energy complex.

Commissioner McDonald is in his third term on the PSC, having been appointed and elected in 1998, and re-elected in 2008 and 2014. He was elected chair in 2018 and previously chaired the Commission in 2009. His full biography can be found at https://psc.ga.gov/about-the-psc/commissioners/lauren-mcdonald/

This is Commissioner Echols' second term on the Georgia Public Service Commission, having been reelected statewide in November 2016. You can find his complete biography and photo on the Commission web site at https://psc.ga.gov/about-the-psc/commissioners/tim-echols/

Hundreds of energy industry representatives are expected to attend the 2019 Global Energy Awards black-tie dinner on December 12, in New York City.

On December 11, S&P Global Platts will host its 12th annual <u>Global Energy Outlook Forum</u>, a platform for critical debate of key financial, policy, trade and market factors facing the energy industry and drawing together senior executives from across the energy, financial and policy spheres.

Founded in 1909, <u>S&P Global Platts</u> is the commodities information arm of S&P Global and a premier source of benchmark price references, with news, data and information coverage spanning biofuels, carbon emissions, coal, electricity, oil, natural gas, metals, nuclear power, petrochemicals, shipping and sugar.

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a five-member constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas service from financially viable and technically competent companies.

For more information on the Commission, see the Commission web site at https://psc.ga.gov/

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